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1. About two hundred members of the former Hungarian Social Democratic Party were arrested, in great secrecy, after 15 Jun 50. Among them were:

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Anna Kothly, member of Parliament for more than 20 years.

Ferenc Szeder, peasant leader of the Social Democratic Party.

Agoston Valentiny, Minister of Justice, 1944-45.

Imre Gyorki, member of Parliament.

2. All those arrested were members of the right wing of the Party (in opposition to Szakasits) and completely withdrew from Party activities after the expulsion of

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3. Referring to this group, Rakosi declared in a speech made on 17 Jun 50 that "rightist Social Democrats" would be liquidated and, as in the case of Rajk, termed them "traitors".

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